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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time to respond to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2006 for two (2) months, from September 6, 2006 to Monday, November 6, 2006.

Please find enclosed a check in the amount of $450.00 covering the requisite fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0540. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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